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Enrollment soars at College of Western Idaho

Some 3,100 students are signed up for the community college, and classes don't start for more than a week.

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College of Western Idaho has prospective students lining up out the door of its Nampa campus.

The two-year college, which opened in January with 1,195 students, has nearly tripled its enrollment. About 900 students come

from the former Selland College of Applied Technology that was transferred from Boise State University in July.

Another 2,200 students are in general education classes, double the number of last winter.

Idaho's sputtering economy is seen as a major contributor to the school's in-

FREE CONCERT

Guitarist Ned Evett will give an outdoor concert at the College of Western Idaho campus, 5500 E. University Way in Nampa, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. Seating is available for 1,500.

The concert is meant to celebrate the school's successes, college officials say.

Free tickets to the concert are available at www.cwidaho.cc.

The concert will cost the college \$2,000 from its budget for marketing and advertising.

train for new jobs. "General education enrollment has been explo-

sive," said Rick Aman, associate vice president of instruction.

CWI is adding two new degrees, an associate of science degree in biology with a health emphasis and an associate of arts degree in communications.

Faculty is increasing, too. Full- and part-time faculty totaled 74 in the spring. It will reach more than 200 this semester. Nearly 70 of them are transfers from the Selland school.

"We knew when we started the College of Western Idaho that the need for a community college was great, and the current influx of students reflects that need," said Bert Glandon, College of Western Idaho president.

Students may register through Friday, Aug. 28. Cost is \$119 per credit hour.

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